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ELLERSIECK- CHROMIUM, NICKEL, AND COBALT GEOCHEMICAL ANOMALIES

EXPLANATION OF ANOMALY SYMBOLS CHROMIUM (SPEC.) CHROMIUM (SPEC.) CHROMIUM (SPEC.) CHROMIUM (SPEC.) CHROMIUM (SPEC.) CHROMIUM (SPEC.) MEAN STANDARD DEVIATION 70 ppm ANOMALY STANDARD DEVIATION 39 ppm ANOMALY COBALT (SPEC.) MEAN STANDARD DEVIATION 39 ppm ANOMALY COBALT (SPEC.) MEAN STANDARD DEVIATION 130 ppm COBALT (SPEC.) MEAN STANDARD DEVIATION 14 ppm ANOMALY L LOWER LIMIT OF ANALYTICAL METHOD NUMBER OF SAMPLES: 1198

Chromium

Chromium was analyzed by the emission spectrographic method. The threshold value for an anomaly used in this report is two standard deviations above the mean, which for chromium is 221 parts per million (ppm). However, there are over 50 samples in the analytical interval from 180 to 260 ppm, reported as 200 ppm. (For discussion of analytical intervals, see Ellersieck, 1978b). Since most of the samples in this interval do not appear to have a close relationship to mafic or ultramafic rocks or potential chromite occurrences, only the nine samples with 300 ppm or more of chromium are shown on this map as

The highest chromium values are in streams draining ultramafic rocks (map unit Ju) east of the Jade Mountains.

Nickel

Nickel was analyzed by the emission spectrographic method. The highest nickel values, 300 and 500 ppm, are in the samples which also had the highest chromium values, in streams draining ultramafic rocks of map unit Ju. Nickel vulues of 150 to 300 ppm are found near black phyllites of map units Db and Pzbs, especially where there are anomalies of other elements such as cobalt, lead, zinc, copper, and manganese. Nickel values of 150 ppm are spread throughout the eastern schist belt, and occur in two clusters in the western schist belt. These anomalies are associated with anomalies of cobalt, scandium, yttrium, and lanthanum. There are also nickel anaomalies in the Endicott Mountains, in clastic sediments of the Endicott group (map unit De). Other stream-sediment anomalies common in this area are iron, titanium, boron, and vanadium.

Cobalt

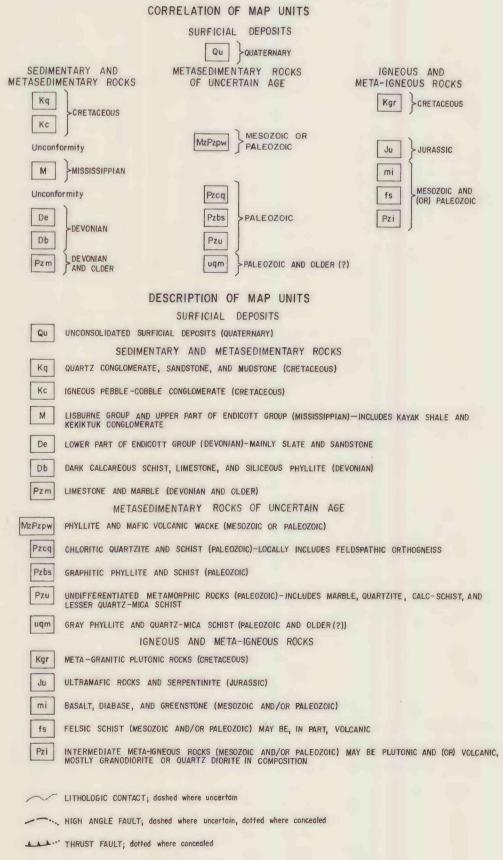
Cobalt anomalies are closely linked to nickel anomalies. Most cobalt anomalies are in the eastern schist belt. Another area with cobalt anomalies is near the black phyllites of map units Db and Pzbs near the eastern quadrangle boundary, where cobalt is associated with anomalies of nickel, lead, zinc, molybdenum, vanadium, and manganese.

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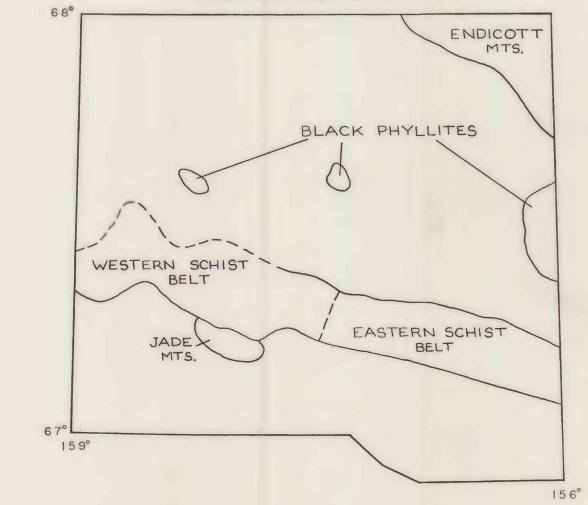
EXPLANATION FOR GENERALIZED GEOLOGIC MAP



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